GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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VILLAGE HEALTH GUIDES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of village health guides, State-wise;

(b) the nature of work assigned to these guides alongwith the remuneration paid to them every month;

(c) whether the Government propose to impart special training to these guides;

(d) is so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is any proposal to raise the honorarium of these guides; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE N.T.SHANMUGAM)

(a) A State-wise list of number of Village Health Guides is annexed.

(b) The basic duties/functions of Village Health Guides are to assist in;

(i) Health Education to rural masses.

(ii) Environmental Sanitation and Personal Hygiene.

(iii) Maternal and Child Health Care Services.

(iv) Immunization.

(v) Treatment of Communicable Diseases.

(vi) Implementation of various National Health Programs.

(vii) Maintaining of vital statistics.

(viii) Inducing Community participation.

They are paid an honorarium of Rs. 50/- per month.

(c) to (f) : At present there is no proposal to impart special training of Village Health Guides.The Subject of payment of honorarium to Village Health Guides along with other aspects has recently been examined by an Expert Committee.The report of the Committee is under examination in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VILLAGE HEALTH GUIDES IN THE COUNTRY

S.No.	State/UT	Number of VHGs reported working		
		Male	Female	Total
1	Andhra Pr.	28698	5636	34334
2	Arunachal Pr.	-	-	NA
3	Assam	-	11001	11001
4	Bihar	NA	NA	10431
5	Goa	-	-	-
6	Gujarat	-	3004	3004
7	Haryana	-	270	270
8	Himachal Pr.	3067	383	3450
9	J & K	NA	NA	NA
10	Karnataka	12681	2447	15128
11	Kerala @@	-	-	NA
12	Madhya Pr.	NA	NA	30619
13	Maharashtra	13185	23486	36671
14	Manipur	1118	577	1695
15	Meghalaya	121	1060	1181
16	Mizoram	340	170	510
17	Nagaland	349	199	548
18	Orissa	18627	4670	23297
19	Punjab	645	8979	9624
20	Rajasthan	2585	6414	8999
21	Sikkim	177	28	205
22	Tamil Nadu @	NA	NA	NA
23	Tripura	1050	787	1837
24	Uttar Pr.	NA	NA	90111
25	West Bengal	NA	NA	39965
26	JA & N Islands	50	100	150
27	Chandigarh	-	-	-
28	D & N Haveli	-	-	-
29	Daman & Diu	-	-	-
30	Delhi	-	-	-
31	Lakshadweep	2	9	11
32	Pondicherry	128	39	167
All India		82823	69259	323208